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Enclosed is an application under 37CFR 1.53(b) for United States letters patent in the name of Valentino Liva, et al., for, ENHANCED FIBER NODES WITH CMTS CAPABILITY, comprising:

- 50 pages of Specification, an Abstract and 55 Claims;
- 23 sheets of formal drawings; and
- a return receipt postcard.

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of the following applications: U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/715,992, filed on November 16, 2000; and U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/800,397, filed on March 5, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/187,194.

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